Sale of computers by Kendriya Bhandar at higher prices

4229. SHRI MUNAVVAR HASAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Kendriya Bhandar has sold hundreds of computers at Rs. 85,500/- per computer against the approved price of Rs. 58,000/- and without quoting brand name in their invoices;

(b) if so, whether Government have conducted any investigation into this matter, if so, the findings thereof;

(c) whether officials responsible for the above, have been identified, if so, the details thereof;

(d) what action has been taken against them; and

(e) the steps taken to transfer such officials from stationery department of the Kendriya Bhandar?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL AND TRAININGOFTHE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) No, Sir. Kendriya Bhandar has sold only 20 computers at the rate of Rs. 85,000/- per computer and indicated brand name in each invoice. The rates of computers depend upon the model, configuration, add on peripherals accessories, features, warranty terms etc. and cannot be compared with a standard configuration/price.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. Investigation carried out by Kendriya Bhandar, has revealed that the price difference between the Suggested Retail Price (SRP) and the price charged by Kendriya Bhandar from the end user was on account of supply of various items of accessories demanded by the customer, taxes and other levies. As such, no irregularity was detected.

(d) Does not arise in view of reply to (b) & (c) above.

(e) The employees concerned with the sale of computers were transferred to other sections before the start of the investigation.

Percentage of women in Government jobs

† 4230. SHRI MATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of women working as group C and D in Government offices;

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† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.